

Delta Stewardship Council Members

Created by the legislature in 2009, the Delta Stewardship Council is composed of members who represent different parts of the state and offer diverse expertise in fields such as agriculture, science, the environment, and public service. Of the seven, four are appointed by the Governor, one each by the Senate and Assembly, and the seventh is the Chair of the Delta Protection Commission.

The council's work is supported by an independent board of [nationally and internationally prominent scientists](#).

Council members are:



Phil Isenberg

Chair of the Delta Stewardship Council. Previously, he served as a Sacramento City Council member from 1971-1974, Mayor of Sacramento from 1975-1982 and as a member of the California State Assembly representing portions of Sacramento, Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties from 1982 to 1996. His state legislative district contained major parts of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. His subject area focus as an elected official included land use planning, water and resource issues, state budget and fiscal matters, redevelopment reform and healthcare issues.

Isenberg holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law and a Bachelor of Art in Social Science and Government from California State University, Sacramento. He was in private practice and also served as President of Isenberg-O'Haren Government Relations from 2004 to February 2010. He is currently an inactive member of the California State Bar.

Isenberg served as chair of the California Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force from 2004 to 2006 and served as chairman of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force from 2007 to 2008. The recommendations of the Delta Vision Task Force provided much of the structure of the major water/Delta policy changes adopted by the legislature in 2009 and signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger.

He was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to a six year term on the Delta Stewardship Council, and elected Chair of the Council by his colleagues.



Randy Fiorini

Turlock, CA, has been managing partner of Fiorini Ranch since 1975. Fiorini Ranch, established in 1909, produces peaches, wine grapes, almonds and walnuts.

He is past president and board member of the Association of California Water Agencies, past board president and director of Turlock Irrigation District and past president and board member of the California Farm Water Coalition.

Fiorini holds a Bachelor of Science in Fruit Science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in March 2010 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.



Gloria D. Gray

Inglewood, CA, has been an elected member of the Board of Directors of the West Basin Municipal Water District since 2006. In 2009 she was appointed to be one of two West Basin representatives on the 38-member board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Ms. Gray dedicated her 36-year career to the Los Angeles County Departments of Human Services and Health Services, last serving as an Associate Hospital Administrator. She was appointed to the Los Angeles County Hospital and Health Care Delivery Commission, and served two terms on the Inglewood Unified School District, from 1995 - 2003.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Redlands, a Health Services Management Certificate from the University of California, Los Angeles and a master's degree in Governance Certificate from the California School Boards Association. She was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in February 2010 by Speaker of the Assembly Karen Bass.



Patrick Johnston

Stockton, is the President and CEO of the California Association of Health Plans. He served 20 years in the Legislature, 10 in the Assembly and 10 in the Senate. He chaired the Senate Committee on Appropriations for six years and chaired the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance for four years.

Beyond his years in the legislature, Mr. Johnston worked for Health Net in government relations and taught public policy part-time at the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of the Pacific. He is an advisory board member of the UC Berkeley Petris Center on Health Care Markets and is a former member of the California Bay-Delta Authority and the California Delta Protection Commission.

Mr. Johnston is a graduate of St Patrick's College and holds a Master's Degree from CSU Sacramento. He was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in March 2010 by the Senate Committee on Rules.



Hank Nordhoff

Del Mar, has been chairman and chief executive officer of Gen-Probe, Incorporated since 1994. From 1992 to 1994, he served as president and chief executive officer of Targe Tech and from 1988 to 1992 he was president and chief executive officer of American Biogenetic Sciences.

From 1986 to 1988, Nordhoff was vice president of mergers and acquisition for Sterling Drug Company and from 1970 to 1986, he was director of licensing and business development for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

He holds a Master of Business Administration in international business and finance from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts in international relations and political economy from Johns Hopkins University. Nordhoff served in the United States Navy from 1963 to 1967. He was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in March 2010 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.



Don Nottoli

Galt, CA, is a member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, first elected in November 1994. His district includes portions of the City of Sacramento as well as several suburban communities, rural agricultural areas, as well as portions of the Sacramento River Delta.

Prior to his election, Don served as chief assistant to former Fifth District Supervisor Toby Johnson for 16 years. Don is a former member of the Galt City Council and served for more than 17 years as a board member with the Galt High School District Board of Trustees.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government/Journalism from California State University, Sacramento. He was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in February 2010 as chair of the Delta Protection Commission.